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Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (twice amended) A method comprising

identifying a position in a space associated with a hierarchy of nodes, each of the nodes being uniquely identifiable within the hierarchy by a node level value identifying the node's level in the hierarchy and a node-in-level value identifying the node's location uniquely among nodes in that level,

the space associated with the hierarchy of nodes having at least two dimensions, the position in the space being identified by a depth value comprising the node level value and an offset from that node level value and a position-in-level value comprising the node-in-level value and an offset from the node-in-level value.

6. (twice amended) A method comprising

dividing an area on a display into subareas, each position in the area belonging to one of the subareas;

each of the subareas associated with a node in the hierarchy of nodes;

the entire area of each of the subareas representing the associated node at a given time, and

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